



**HELLENIC AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION**  
**ATHENS COLLEGE – PSYCHICO COLLEGE**

**School Profile 2016-2017**

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*Enrollment: Total: **4654** Gr. PreK. to 12*

*Athens College High School: **486**  
Graduating class: **143***

*Psychico College High School: **649**(Gr. 10-12)  
Graduating class: **230** (**143** I.B.)*

*Middle Schools: **1202** (Gr. 7-9)*

*Elementary Schools: **2023** (Gr.1-6)*

*PreK & Kindergarten: **294***

*Faculty: Total: **507***

*High School Faculty: **148***

*Overall student: faculty ratio **9:1***

## **The Schools**

The Hellenic American Educational Foundation (HAEF), founded in 1925, is a non-profit educational institution for Greek students, and seeks to incorporate in its programs the best standards and practices embodied in Greek and American education. HAEF graduates have held distinguished positions in government, academia, the sciences, the arts, business, and banking, both in Greece and abroad.

A hallmark feature of the HAEF since its founding has been its extensive scholarship program, which allows deserving students the opportunity to attend our institution irrespective of their families' financial situation. As Stephanos Delta, the program's founder, said, "The education our school offers should not become a privilege of the wealthy." The number of need-based scholarship recipients exceeded 800 in 2014-15, with a total of about 4,000,000 euro.

The HAEF is comprised of two highly competitive sister schools, Athens College and Psychico College. Each has an elementary school (Demotic), a middle school (Gymnasium), and a high school (Genikon Lykeion). Under the umbrella of HAEF, Athens College has operated since 1925, the Psychico College Elementary since 1980, and the Psychico College Middle School and High School since 1999. Students join the school in Grade 1 through a lottery system, and through competitive entrance examinations for a number of places in Grades 4, 7, 10, and IB Yr1. Students are admitted to the "Ioannis M. Karras" Model Kindergarten after a readiness evaluation and an interview of the parents.

At the upper school level, both Athens College and Psychico College offer the Greek national curriculum, while Psychico College also offers the full International Baccalaureate Bilingual Diploma Program for Grades 11 and 12. Students in either school can apply to enter the IB upon completion of Grade 10. The IB Program has been in operation since the academic year 1996-97.

In its constant effort to improve the quality of learning and teaching in its schools, the HAEF has instituted the College Online - Course Management System, which enables students and teachers to enhance the effectiveness of their work through its Knowledge Base, Digital Tools, and Collaboration Mechanism. As a result of its innovations in the use of technology and in the development of new teaching methods and approaches, HAEF has been selected to be a Microsoft Honorary Showcase School, joining an elite community of innovative schools from around the globe. HAEF has also been validated as an organization "Committed to Excellence" by the European Foundation for Quality Management. Finally, our school is a test center for various external university admission exams, such as SAT, BMAT, Oxford Admissions Tests, and GCE.

## **Facilities and Location**

Grades 7 - 12, the kindergarten, along with the Department of Special Programs (offering courses in French, German, Music, and Athletics) and the Adult Education Program, are located on a 37-acre campus in Psychico, about four miles from central Athens. The Psychico campus includes 230 classrooms and labs in 10 academic buildings, and a main library with 70,000 volumes, 300 periodical titles, an on-line public access catalogue, subscription to several English language databases, about 110 computers for student use, including 5 computer hubs for research projects and the teaching of information skills. The newly established Informatics Center (IC) promotes innovative digital educational content and offers a haven for teamwork, creativity and discovery to young children, teenagers and educators throughout the academic year. The IC facilities include a 200 capacity auditorium, with video wall conferencing and 3D projection equipment for 3D Educational libraries as well as Multi Media Labs, equipped with state of the art 3D printing, milling machine laser cutter equipment, Web TV, music technology and robotics infrastructure. Our campus also hosts an indoor swimming pool, a fully equipped athletics center and a modern 830-seat theater. The elementary schools are located on a 46-acre campus ten miles northeast of central Athens in Kantza, with up-do-date academic and athletic facilities.

## **The Curriculum**

**The Greek National Curriculum** awards the Greek high school certificate (Apolytirio of the Geniko Lykeion) at the end of Grade 12. Students choose a specialization at the end of Grade 10 in one of two areas: 1) humanities, and 2) math and pure science. At the end of Grade 11 students choose one of three areas: 1) humanities, 2) math and science, and 3) economics and computer science. In Grades 10, 11, and 12, the minimum passing grade is 9.5 (out of 20). The final grade for each subject is an average of the two semester grades (50%) and the final exam (50%). The Apolytirio average is based on the GPA of Grade 12 subjects, which are up to 15 in total.

Geniko Lykeion students wishing to pursue tertiary education in Greek universities have to sit national examinations (“Panhellenic”) in four subjects depending on their chosen field of study. The competition and pressure on students preparing for these exams is very high. Last year, of the **215** students graduating from the Greek Geniko Lykeion of both Athens College and Psychico College, **175** were admitted to Greek institutions of tertiary education. A number of last year’s graduates were also admitted to and chose to attend universities abroad, primarily in the United Kingdom and the United States, but also in other European countries.

The HAEF schools have the following academic departments: English, Modern Greek, Ancient Greek, History & Social Sciences, Information Technology, Mathematics, Music, Natural Sciences, and Physical Education.

**The IB Diploma Program (The International Baccalaureate)** is a two-year course (Grades 11 and 12) taught in English with a History, Greek Language, Greek Literature and Physical Education component taught in Greek. Students are awarded the full equivalent of the Greek Apolytirio through a combination of being awarded the IB Diploma by the IBO and passing three out of the four subjects mandated by the Greek State, i.e. History, Greek Language and Greek Literature. All students who enroll in this program intend to apply to universities abroad. Last year, of the 163 students who received the IB Diploma, 160 went on to institutions of higher education in the United Kingdom, the United States, Canada and several European countries.

**Academic Calendar:** Grades 1-9 use a trimester calendar with term 1, 2, 3, exam and year-end grades reported. Grades 10-12 use a semester calendar, with term 1 (09/11-01/20), 2 (01/21-05/20), exam, and year-end grades reported. The IB system provides for predicted grades in the fall of the last year, whereas the Geniko Lykeion system does not.

### **Athletics, Clubs, and Activities**

In addition to the Physical Education program which is part of the curriculum, students participate in team sports and track and field. The school teams participate in regional and national school tournaments.

More than twenty clubs and extracurricular activities are available to students, with Forensics, Debate, Model United Nations, and UNESCO among the most selective. Students also may choose to write for one or more of the school’s many publications: the “ΑΘΗΝΑΙΟΣ” and “PRO[S]KLISI” Greek magazines, the “As You Like It” and Punchline English magazines, the “NEA TOY KOΛΛΕΓΙΟΥ” Greek newspaper, and the “IB Visions.” Finally, the Drama Club’s performances are of professional standards, winning many prizes in Pan-Hellenic competitions.

Many students also participate in philanthropic activities such as Community Service Day, and volunteering with the Floga Cancer Society, the Greek Red Cross, the WWF, and refugee-support organizations in recent years.

The annual three-day school fair, Panigiri, is the culminating event of the various school activities: presentations by clubs, fund-raising activities, and musical and theatrical performances are attended by the school and the Athenian community.

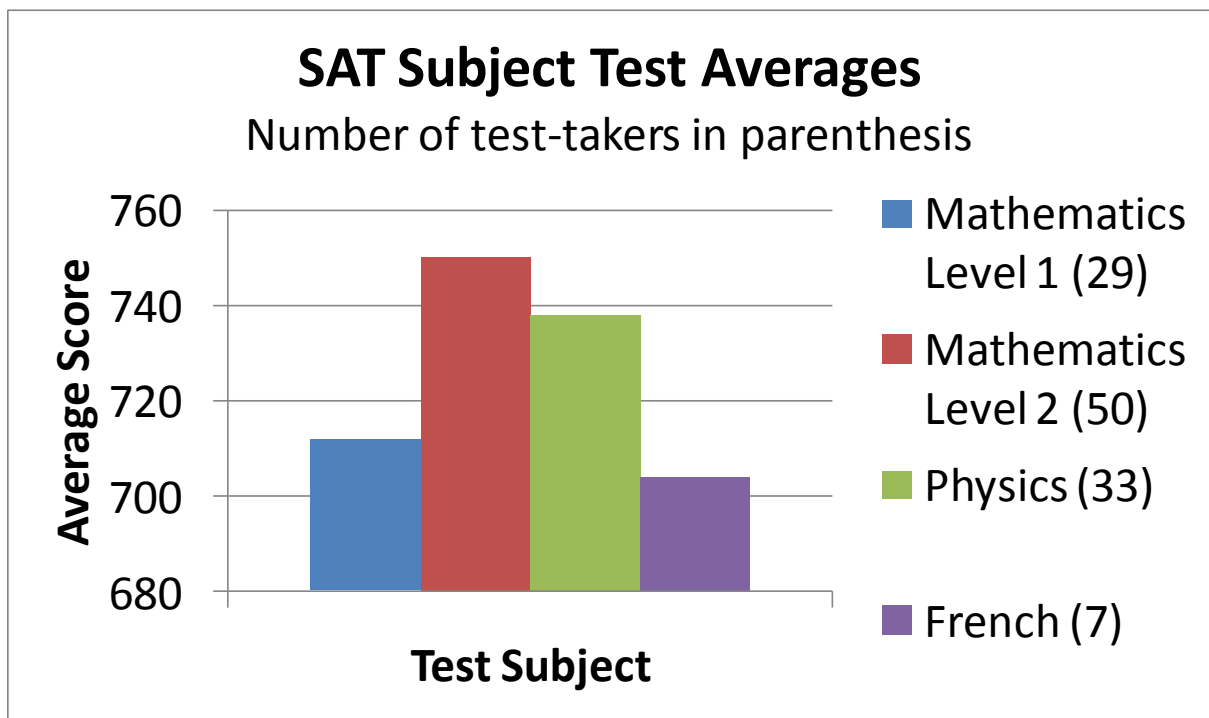
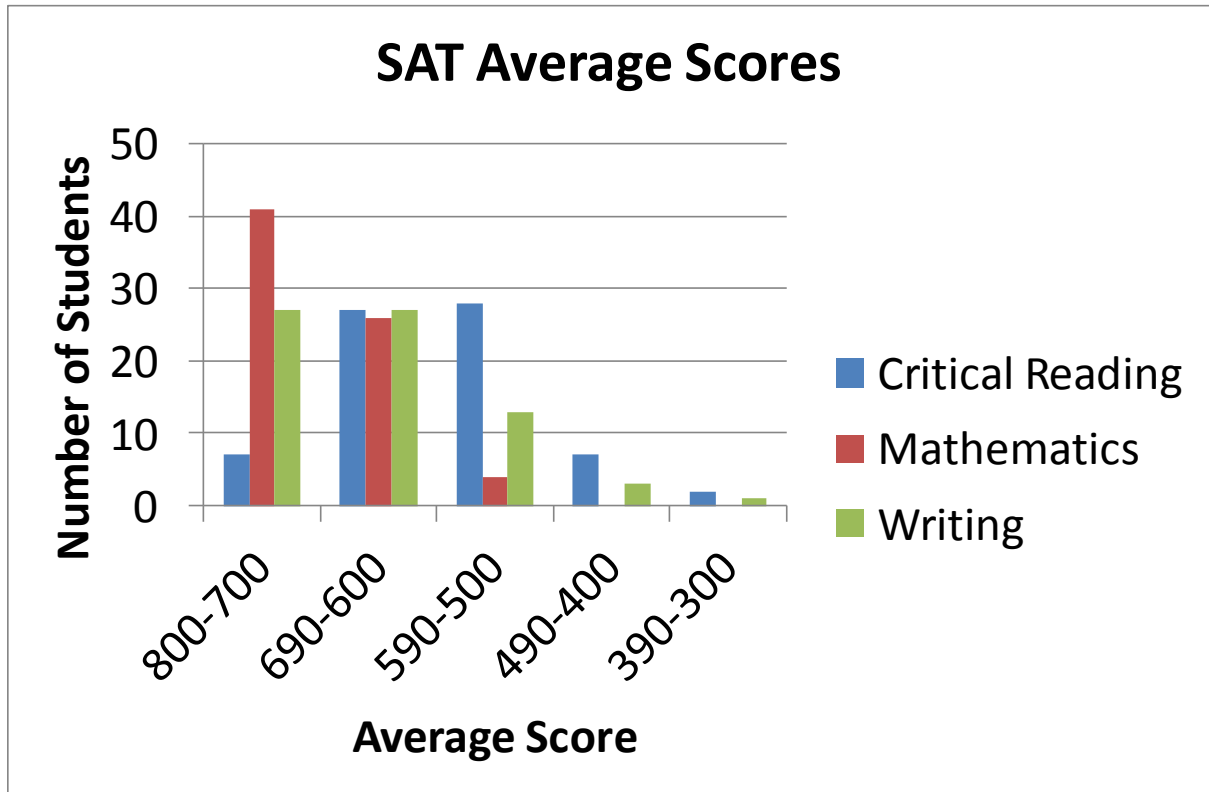
Students in Grades 10-12 participate in 4 public speaking contests, three of them in Greek and one in English. They are among the school’s most prestigious events.

## North American College Matriculation (Class of 2015 and 2016)

Over the past two years, graduates have enrolled at the following universities and colleges in the United States of America and Canada.

<i>American University</i>	2	<i>Northwestern University</i>	1
<i>Amherst College</i>	1	<i>Ohio Wesleyan University</i>	1
<i>Babson</i>	2	<i>Parsons The New School for Design</i>	1
<i>Bard College</i>	2	<i>Pennsylvania State University</i>	1
<i>Berklee College of Music</i>	1	<i>Pomona College</i>	1
<i>Boston College</i>	1	<i>Pratt Institute</i>	1
<i>Boston University</i>	7	<i>Princeton University</i>	1
<i>Brown</i>	1	<i>Rhode Island School of Design</i>	1
<i>California Institute of Technology</i>	1	<i>Sacred Heart University</i>	1
<i>Columbia University</i>	1	<i>Saint Mary's College of California</i>	1
<i>Columbia - Fu Foundation School of Engineering</i>	3	<i>Skidmore College</i>	1
<i>Cooper Union</i>	5	<i>Stanford University</i>	4
<i>Cornell University</i>	2	<i>Stonehill College</i>	1
<i>Davidson College</i>	2	<i>Tufts University</i>	6
<i>Duke University</i>	1	<i>University of British Columbia</i>	1
<i>Georgetown University</i>	2	<i>University of California - Berkeley</i>	4
<i>Georgetown - Walsh School of Foreign Service</i>	1	<i>University of California - Los Angeles</i>	6
<i>George Washington University</i>	1	<i>University of Illinois at Urbana - Champaign</i>	1
<i>Harvard</i>	1	<i>University of Maryland at College Park</i>	1
<i>Hofstra University</i>	1	<i>University of Miami</i>	4
<i>Johns Hopkins University</i>	1	<i>University of Michigan - Ann Arbor</i>	4
<i>Loyola Marymount University</i>	1	<i>University of Minnesota, Twin Cities</i>	1
<i>Loyola University – Chicago</i>	1	<i>University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill</i>	1
<i>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</i>	1	<i>University of Pennsylvania</i>	2
<i>McGill University</i>	3	<i>University of San Francisco</i>	2
<i>New York University</i>	1	<i>University of Virginia</i>	3
<i>New York University - Stern School of Business</i>	4	<i>Vassar College</i>	1
<i>New York University– Tandon School of Engineering</i>	1	<i>Wellesley College</i>	1
<i>New York University – Tisch School of the Arts</i>	1	<i>Worcester Polytechnic Institute</i>	2
<i>Northeastern University</i>	3	<i>Yale University</i>	4

Class of 2016 SAT Scores



**International Baccalaureate Exam Results**  
**Psychico College Averages vs. World Averages**  
**Class of 2016**

